GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Dept. – Certain irregularities in execution of NREGS works against Sri M.Ashok Babu, the then MPDO/PO, MPP, Machavaram, Guntur District (now retd.) – Disciplinary action initiated under APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Charges framed – Regular Inquiry conducted - Charges are not held proved - Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.718 **Dated 03-09-2025**

Read the following:

1. From the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Guntur District Lr. Rc. No. 6178/2010/A7, dt.17.03.2011.
2. Charge Memo.No.3425/CPR&RE/A3/ 2011, dt.16.06.2011 of Commissioner, PR&RD.
3. Explanation of Sri M.Ashok Babu, the then MPDO/PO, MPP, Machavaram, Guntur District (now retd.) through CEO, Guntur Roc.No. 3242/2011-P7, dt.24.10.2011.
4. Proceedings of the CPR&RD, A.P., No.3425/CPR&RE/A3/2011, dt.04.02.2012.
5. The Inquiry Officer report letter Rc.No.6178/2010/G1, dt.19-04-2017.
6. From the Commissioner, PR&RD, A.P., Letter No.1234104/CPR& RD/A3/ 2011, dt.13.04.2023.

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O R D E R:

Whereas in the reference 1st read above, based on the report of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Guntur District, the Commissioner, PR&RD, A.P., vide reference 2nd read above, has initiated disciplinary proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri M.Ashok Babu, the then MPDO/PO, MPP, Machavaram, Guntur District (retired on 30.06.2020).

2. The Commissioner, PR&RD, A.P., being the disciplinary authority has initiated disciplinary action against Sri M.Ashok Babu, the then MPDO/PO, MPP, Machavaram, Guntur District (now retd.), duly framing the following charges:

Article-1:

Being a MPDO/Programme Officer that the said Sri M.Ashok Babu shall ensure proper custody, maintenance, filing and upkeep of the records in a clear and easily traceable manner. But in the instant case, that the said MPDO/Programme Officer, Machavaram and other NREGS functionaries have failed to produce Measurement Books, Musters and other records to the Social Audit team in certain cases even though they deliberately made payments under material and wage payments. They failed to submit records for verification worth of Rs.19,81,644/- as most of the works are said to be bogus works.

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Article-II:

That the said Sri M. Ashok Babu while functioning as MPDO/Programme Officer, Machavaram Mandal has drawn an amount of Rs.22,08,887/- by colluding with the several cases in Machavaram Mandal by showing excess measurements in connivance with the Technical and Field functionaries. This reflects his total negligent attitude and dereliction of duties in discharging his legitimate duties leaving the administration to the whims and fancies of field level functionaries.

Article -III:

That the said Sri M.Ashok Babu while functioning as MPDO/Programme Officer, Machavaram Mandal shall ensure proper custody, maintenance, filing and upkeeping of the records. In the instant cases Sri M. Ashok Babu involved in misappropriation of NREGS funds by making payments without recording of measurements/without making pass orders in M-Books to an amount of Rs.14,59,230/- in certain cases.

Article - IV:

That the said Sri M. Ashok Babu while functioning as MPDO/ Programme Officer, MGNREGS-A.P., Machavaram Mandal of Guntur District has failed to discharge his legitimate duties effectively as per the job chart prescribed under NREGS and his slack supervision over the NREGS works executed during the period from 01-04-2010 to 31-03-2011 paved the way for misappropriation of a total amount to a tune of Rs.29,31,992/- in the name of Single layer metal roads, desilting of canal works, Earth-works etc. in several cases in Machavaram mandal by recording bogus names in the muster rolls. No M-Books are prepared and the NREGS functionaries failed to submit the same before the Social Audit Team as most of the works are said to be bogus works and no sign on ground in token of execution of NREGS works. The details are given in the Social Audit Public hearing report and statements of wage seekers.

Article - V:

That the said Sri M. Ashok Babu while functioning as MPDO/ Programme Officer, Machavaram Mandal has made payments to an amount of Rs.13,93,332/- for the work done by machines (JCB) in deviation of NREGS guidelines and thereby he has deprived the wage seekers of their livelihood by getting the mentioned works in the table done by using machines.

Article - VI:

That the said Sri M. Ashok Babu while functioning as MPDO/ Programme Officer, Machavaram Mandal has failed to inspect the works and verify the Muster rolls at work sites and his inaction led to misappropriation of Rs.7,38,088/- by way of excess muster recording in the Mandal in several cases. It tantamounts to dereliction of duty and promoted the spread of indiscipline among the field level functionaries.

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3. Further, the Commissioner, PR&RD, A.P., has appointed Deputy Chief Executive Officer, ZPP, Guntur District and the Project Director, DWMA, Guntur District as Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively in the reference 4th read above to inquire into the Article of charge. The Inquiry Officer has submitted his inquiry report vide reference 5th read above stating that, the charges framed against the Charged Officer, i.e., Sri M.Ashok Babu, the then MPDO/PO, MPP, Machavaram, Guntur District (now retd.), are not held proved.

4. The Commissioner, PR&RD, A.P., vide reference 6th read above, has furnished report stating that, the charges framed against Sri M.Ashok Babu, the then MPDO/PO, MPP, Machavaram, Guntur District (now retd.), are not proved and recommended to drop further proceedings and close the disciplinary case.

5. The Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided to drop further action against Sri M.Ashok Babu, the then MPDO/PO, MPP, Machavaram, Guntur District (now retd.), as the Charges framed against him are not proved and no misappropriation on part of the Charged Officer. Accordingly, the Government hereby order to drop further action against Sri M.Ashok Babu, the then MPDO/PO, MPP, Machavaram, Guntur District (now retd.), in the matter.

6. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur district shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Chief Executive Officer, ZPP, Guntur District.
The Accountant General (A&E), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
The OSD to Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister for PR&RD, RWS, EFS&T.
The PS to the Principal Secretary to Government, PR&RD Dept.
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